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SUBJECT: SAKHAROV JUNE 20 VISIT TO EMBASSY

SUMMARY. SAKHAROV VISITED EMBASSY JUNE 20 TO DELIVER
ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO CONGRESSMAN FASCELL. SAKHAROV
MENTIONED THAT GINZBURG TRIAL MAY BE HELD TOO FAR AWAY
FROM KALUGA AND FROM PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR SUPPORTER
TO BE PRESENT. HE COMMENTED ON THE CURRENT BAD
ATMOSPHERE FOR DISSIDENTS AND PARTICULARLY ON THE SAD
STATE OF AFFAIRS IN THE SLEPAK FAMILY. A PHOTOGRAPHER
WAS OBSERVED TAKING PICTURES OF SAKHAROV AS THEY LEFT
EMBASSY. END SUMMARY.

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1. SAKHAROV, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, PAID A CALL AT
THE EMBASSY'S CONSULAR SECTION MIDDAY JUNE 20 TO
DELIVER AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO CONGRESSMAN FASCELL
(BEING POUCHED EUR/SOV UNDER REGISTRY NUMBER 3647980).

2. GINZBURG TRIAL. SAKHAROV SAID HE HAD HEARD THE

GINZBURG TRIAL MAY TAKE PLACE IN A LINEN FACTORY (IMINI POSOLOK) 50 KILOMETERS FROM KALUGA. IF THIS IS THE CASE HE AND MOST OTHERS INTERESTED IN BEING ON HAND FOR THE TRIAL WILL BE PREVENTED FROM DOING SO. THERE IS NO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN KALUGA AND THE FACTORY AND AUTOMOBILES, HE SAID WOULD PROBABLY BE PREVENTED FROM REACHING THE LINEN WORKS.

3. GENERAL DISSIDENT SITUATION. SAKHAROV COMMENTED THAT THE GENERAL ATMOSPHERE FOR DISSIDENT IN THE SOVIET UNION IS QUITE BAD. A GENERAL POLICY OF TOUGHNESS HAS BECAME EVEN TOUGHER IN RECENT TIMES. THE CASE OF VLADIMIR AND MARIYA SLEPAK, HE SAID, IS PERHAPS ONE OF THE SADEST EVIDENCES OF THE AUTHORITIES "GET-TOUGH" POLICY.

4. SLEPAK. SAKHAROV SAID MRS. SLEPAK HAD ENTERED A HOSPITAL ABOUT JUNE 14 WITH SERIOUS INTERNAL DISORDER CAUSED BY NERVES. HER CONDITION, HE SAID, WAS CAUSED BY EMOTIONAL BUILD-UP OVER OFFICIAL HARASSMENT CULMINATING IN HOOLIGANISM CHARGES AND IMMINENT TRIALS. HER CONDITION MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN AGGRAVATED, ACCORDING TO SAKHAROV BY NEWS (CARRIED ON DEUTCHE WELLE JUNE 13) OF ATTEMPT BY SOVIET EMBASSY CHAUFFEUR IN BONN TO RUN DOWN SLEPAK'S OLDER SON,WHO REPORTEDLY WAS DEMONSTRATING IN FRONT OF SOVIET EMBASSY.
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5. AT CONCLUSION OF JUNE 20 MEETING EMBOFF OBSERVED SOVIET PHOTOGRAPHER TAKING PICTURES OF SAKHAROV'S AS THEY ENTERED THEIR CAR TO LEAVE. MATLOCK

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